



BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE in PARAMEDICINE

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a system that values your previous learning and experience. Under the general academic statutes of the university to qualify for RPL credit prior formal learning must normally have been undertaken within the last five years. Maximum credit in the degree by either method of RPL is two thirds (240 points of a 360 point degree). Formal RPL is awarded when your course closely matches the level and content of an AUT paper. Non-formal RPL is awarded when you have acquired learning based on life experience, work experience and professional development courses / workshops that equate with the learning in a paper. To prove that you have the applied knowledge base in Non Formal application you will undertake a challenge test(s) or provide a portfolio of evidence. Candidates that enter the non-formal RPL process are effectively saying that they have sufficient knowledge of the Paramedic Science content and are proving currency. To this end, it is not the role of the university to coach applicants for challenge tests.

ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> NZ Intensive Care Paramedic / NZ Paramedic (ILS) / NZ EMT (National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care & Transport; National Diploma in Ambulance Practice - Level 5; National Diploma in Ambulance, Paramedic - Level 6) <input type="checkbox"/> International Paramedic Qualifications <input type="checkbox"/> NZDF Medic qualifications (Diploma in Paramedic Science, Graduate Diploma in Health Science, Diploma in Military Medicine) <input type="checkbox"/> BHSc (Nursing) <input type="checkbox"/> Related University Degree
PROCESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enrol in the AUT BHSc Paramedic. Commence your application early. Check the current closing date on the AUT web site for the year in which you wish to study. Once you have enrolled and received an offer of place you then have the option to commence study in semester one or two. 2. After enrolment, contact the Faculty Programme Administration Office (undergradhealth@aut.ac.nz) and request an RPL form. You should allow a minimum of two months for processing before you enrol in a paper. 3. Pay Fees. The RPL fee is \$73.60 (as at time of writing) and is payable once only. There is no further charge if an update is required and the fee includes both formal and non-formal RPL applications. The Non Formal RPL Challenge Test fee is a further \$150 (as at time of writing) for a 15 point paper.

	4. Assemble the required supporting documentation as listed below.
NZ APPLICANT RPL DOCUMENTATION	<p>You must include ALL of the following documentation with your application; failure to do so will cause a delay to your application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application for RPL and fee <input type="checkbox"/> CV of work and educational history <input type="checkbox"/> Attestation from your employer of your current competency and scope of practice, AND a certified copy of your current Authority to Practice (or current Practising Certificate for RNs). <input type="checkbox"/> Academic transcript from NZQA or industry certificates. The copies must be certified by a justice of the peace or by an AUT registry staff member. Originals should not be posted to the university. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified evidence of other university study if you wish to apply for RPL for other health science or emergency management papers not listed under your ambulance qualification. Send detail of paper content / level of study / total hours / total clinical hours in the programme
Formal RPL for NZ qualified EMT's, Paramedics, and Intensive Care Paramedics is outlined below	
<p>RECOMMENDED FORMAL RPL APPLICATION:</p> <p>EMT National Diploma in Ambulance Practice - Level 5 or National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care & Transport)</p>	<p><i>If you are an EMT you should apply for RPL for the following papers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 555201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I <input type="checkbox"/> 555301 Knowledge, Enquiry and Communication <input type="checkbox"/> 555401 Health and Environment <input type="checkbox"/> 556107 Introduction to Paramedic Practice <input type="checkbox"/> 576109 Clinical Practice I <input type="checkbox"/> 576110 Clinical Practice II
<p>NON-FORMAL RPL APPLICATION:</p> <p>EMT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Formal RPL Applications must be completed before applying for Non Formal RPL credit. Please note Paramedic Science (576103) is only offered on campus with a block course followed by weekly lectures. In addition, EMT's can apply for non-formal RPL credit in Paramedic Science. <input type="checkbox"/> The challenge test for Paramedic Science 57610 is scheduled for June and Late October / November each year. <input type="checkbox"/> The challenge test involves a 2 hr written examination covering medical emergencies and a 2 hr written examination covering trauma emergencies.

<p>RECOMMENDED FORMAL RPL APPLICATION:</p> <p>Paramedic</p>	<p><i>If you are a Paramedic you should apply for RPL for the following papers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 555201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I <input type="checkbox"/> 555301 Knowledge, Enquiry and Communication <input type="checkbox"/> 555401 Health and Environment <input type="checkbox"/> 556107 Introduction to Paramedic Practice <input type="checkbox"/> 576103 Paramedic Science <input type="checkbox"/> 576109 Clinical Practice I <input type="checkbox"/> 576110 Clinical Practice II <input type="checkbox"/> 576101 IV Therapy
<p>OPTIONAL NON-FORMAL RPL APPLICATION:</p> <p>Paramedic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Formal RPL Applications must be completed before applying for Non Formal RPL credit. In addition, working Paramedics may apply for non-formal RPL for 577101 Cardiology if they have experience and have undertaken CCE in 12-lead ECG analysis. Many students will benefit from actually enrolling in this paper. <input type="checkbox"/> The challenge test for Cardiology is scheduled in June & November of each year. This includes a 3 hr written examination, practical 12 lead interpretation, and proof of current competency of manual defibrillation (employer attestation)
<p>RECOMMENDED FORMAL RPL APPLICATION:</p> <p>Intensive Care Paramedic</p>	<p><i>If you are an ICP you should apply for RPL for the following papers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 555201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I <input type="checkbox"/> 555301 Knowledge, Enquiry and Communication <input type="checkbox"/> 555401 Health and Environment <input type="checkbox"/> 556202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II <input type="checkbox"/> 556107 Introduction to Paramedic Practice <input type="checkbox"/> 576103 Paramedic Science <input type="checkbox"/> 576109 Clinical Practice I <input type="checkbox"/> 576110 Clinical Practice II <input type="checkbox"/> 576101 IV Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> 577111 Paramedic Theory & Management <input type="checkbox"/> 577113 Resuscitation <input type="checkbox"/> 577112 Integrated Clinical Practice

<p>OPTIONAL NON-FORMAL RPL APPLICATION: Intensive Care Paramedic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Formal RPL Applications must be completed before applying for Non Formal RPL credit. In addition, working Intensive Care Paramedics may apply for non-formal RPL for 577101 Cardiology if they have experience of 12-lead ECG analysis. However, many students will benefit from actually enrolling in this paper.
<p>CONTACT DETAILS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For further information on AUT visit our website at www.aut.ac.nz or contact <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Programme Information Advisor: Debra Spinetto at debra.spinetto@aut.ac.nz or telephone 09 921 9735 for assistance with your RPL application, or <input type="checkbox"/> Check that you have included <u>ALL</u> the required documentation listed at the top of page 2 and post your application to: Auckland University of Technology Faculty Programme Administration Office Faculty of Health & Environmental Sciences Private Bag 92006 AUCKLAND 1142
<p>PLANNING A PART TIME STUDY PATHWAY WITH YOUR RPL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Under the general academic statutes of the university the total time to complete the degree from first enrolment must not normally exceed six years <input type="checkbox"/> Part time applicants who are returning to study are advised to do a “Keys for Academic Success” course which is offered free of charge by AUT. <input type="checkbox"/> 556202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II is one of the first papers most people will need to study, followed by 517188 Pharmacology for Professional Practice (Intensive Care Paramedics have multiple options, the suggestion is to begin study with 556301 Methods of Research or Risk Management 576211).
<p>CURRENT IMMUNISATION STATUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Students are required to provide evidence of their immunity status before commencing papers with clinical placement (e.g. IV Therapy and Cardiology) <input type="checkbox"/> Organise establishing your current immunisation status through AUT Health, Counselling and Wellbeing Centre. Direct line 09 921 9998 for details.
<p>AUT UNIFORM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An AUT paramedic polo T-Shirt and AUT name badge is compulsory uniform for all degree students in hospital clinical placements (policy in keeping with DHB contracts). To organise order and purchase please contact our technicians on (09) 921 9999 ext 7357
<p>PAPER DELIVERY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The third number from the left in the code indicates the level. Year one

OPTIONS	<p>degree papers start at level 5 and then papers step up to level 6 and 7, indicative of the increasing complexity & challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Flexible delivery options for non-clinical papers, where appropriate, are either developed or under development to provide easy access to study for working students. Online learning support is provided utilizing the blackboard system □ This is an applied clinical degree programme in which we value a group learning environment so there will be a need to be on campus at times during the degree programme. Some papers include block courses which ALL students are required to attend on campus.
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

AUT does not provide international benchmarking of Paramedic qualifications to support applications to work in New Zealand. Ambulance paramedics who have obtained qualifications and experience overseas and are now seeking employment in New Zealand are advised to contact the ambulance industry training organisation <http://www.etito.co.nz> or prospective employers in the first instance.

Ambulance paramedics who have obtained qualifications and experience overseas and wish to enrol to study for the Bachelor of Health Science in Paramedic are advised to make an application for RPL by following the process described in this document. Particular care should be made to the detail and accuracy supplied in the supporting documentation, and copies of official transcripts must be certified as true.

Bachelor of Health Science in Paramedic *shaded papers are offered in both semesters*

Semester 1				Semester 2			
Psychology and Lifespan Development 555101	Human Anatomy & Physiology I 555201	Knowledge, Enquiry and Communication 555301	Health & Environment 555401 OR Maori Health, Development and Environment 555339	Human Anatomy & Physiology II 556202 pre: 555201	Risk Management 576211	Introduction to Paramedic Practice 556107 Pre: 555201 and 555301	
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Paramedic Science 576103 pre: 556107 co: 556202 576109 576110	Disaster Theory 577212	Clinical Practice I 576109 pre: 556107 co: 556202 576103 576110	Clinical Practice II 576110 pre : 556107 co: 556202 576103 576109	Pharmacology for Professional Practice 527188 (on line or on campus) pre: 556202 and 120 points in programme of study	Methods of Research and Enquiry 556301	Cardiology 577101 (on line or on campus) pre: 556202 576103 576109 576110 co: 527188	IV Therapy 576101 pre: 556202 576103 576109 576110 co: 527188
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Health Law and Policy 557221 pre: 555401 or 555339	Resuscitation 577113 pre: 576101 577101 527188 co: 577111	Paramedic Theory and Management 577111 (on line or on campus) pre: 576101 576103 577101	Emergency Planning 577213 co: 576211	Clinical Reasoning 577109 pre: 556301 577111 577113 co: 577112	Integrated Clinical Practice 577112 pre: 577111 577113 co: 577109		